

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Saint Mary Immaculate Larkhall &  
Our Lady & Saint John's Blackwood

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**TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**29TH AUGUST 2021**

St Mary's  
Raploch Road  
Larkhall, ML9 1AN

## PARISH FORTY HOURS ADORATION

Next weekend we will begin our Parish Forty Hours Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Please try to come along and take part in all that is going on over those three days. Although the Forty Hours is taking place in St Mary's, all parishioners are asked to come along and support this special time of prayer and to spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

**There are still plenty of spaces to be filled for watching before the Blessed Sacrament, if you can commit to spending a half hour before the Lord please place your name on the list this weekend. There must be someone with the Blessed Sacrament at all times.**

### Sunday 5th September

10.00am Holy Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until  
**3.00pm Blessed Sacrament Procession**  
3.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until  
**6.30pm Solemn Evening Prayer followed by Benediction**

### Monday 6th September

8.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00am  
9.00am Confessions  
9.30am Holy Rosary  
10.00am Holy Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until  
**1.00pm Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick**  
2.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00pm  
6.00pm Confessions until 6.50pm  
**7.00pm Holy Hour concluding with Solemn Benediction**

### Tuesday 7th September

8.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00am  
9.00am Confessions  
9.30am Holy Rosary  
10.00am Holy Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.00pm  
**12noon Prayers for the parish followed by simple Benediction**  
1.00pm Visits from the Primary School children until 3.00pm  
6.00pm Confessions until 6.45pm  
**7.00pm Holy Mass\***

*\* This Holy Mass is a parish Mass with a special invitation to all those who perform any ministry or job in our parish community (both churches) - Altar Servers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Cleaners, Stewards, members of Committees, Societies or Groups which function in our parish.*



## BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION NEXT SUNDAY

The whole parish is invited as we proclaim our faith and love for the Blessed Sacrament. It would be wonderful to have a good crowd of parishioners, especially families & young people.

# THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## Sunday 29th August

- 10.00am Holy Mass for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)  
12noon Holy Mass for the Twenty Second Sunday in ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)  
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

## Monday 30th August

- 12noon Votive Mass in honour of Our Lady (St Mary's)

## Tuesday 31st August

- 9.30am Votive Mass in honour of Our Lady (Our Lady & St John's)

## Wednesday 1st September

- 9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am (St Mary's)  
9.30am Confessions until 9.50am (St Mary's)  
10.00am Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Twenty Second Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)  
7.00pm Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Twenty Second Week in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)

## Thursday 2nd September

- 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am  
9.00am Confessions until 9.20am  
9.30am Holy Mass for Thursday of the Twenty Second Week in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)

## Friday 3rd September

- 10.00am Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Gregory the Great (St Mary's)

## Saturday 4th September

- 10.00am Holy Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by devotions (St Mary's)  
4.45pm Confessions until 5.15pm (St Mary's)  
5.30pm Vigil Mass for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

## Sunday 5th September

- 10.00am Holy Mass for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)  
10.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3.00pm (St Mary's)  
12noon Holy Mass for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)  
3.00pm Blessed Sacrament Procession concluding with Solemn Benediction (St Mary's)  
3.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.30pm (St Mary's)  
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)  
6.30pm Solemn Evening Prayer concluding with Solemn Benediction (St Mary's)

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**3rd September - Memoria of St Gregory the Great** - St Gregory the Great was born in 540 to a Roman patrician family and served as a magistrate before embracing the monastic life. He acted as papal legate to Constantinople and was elected Pope in 590. He tightened Church discipline and liturgical practice, reorganised the lands belonging to the Holy See and sent St Augustine to convert the Kingdom of Kent, England. He is consequently called the 'Apostle of the English' and, thanks to his theological and pastoral writings, is a Doctor of the Church. He died in 604. He is the patron of musicians, singers, students, and teachers.

## ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS FUND

A Second Collection will be taken up on Sunday 12th September to help in meeting the cost of training our seminarians. The cost of training our seminarians this year is in the region of £150,000. The Diocese ask that we give as generously as we can to training our future priests.

## FORTY HOURS ADORATION

**Blessed Sacrament Procession** - Depending on the weather we will have a Blessed Sacrament Procession around the grounds of St Mary's beginning from the church at 3.00pm. All parishioners are invited to come along and form part of the procession, especially our young people. **Mass for the Sick** - A special Mass with anointing of the sick will take place on the Monday at 1.00pm. All those who are sick and infirm are warmly invited to this Mass. **Mass to end the 40 Hours** - All parishioners, especially those who perform any ministries/roles in our parish are invited to the special Mass at 7.00pm on the Tuesday. This is for all those in our parish, not just St Mary's.

# ANNUAL NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN

On Sunday 5th September, the National Pilgrimage will take place at Carfin Grotto with Mass being celebrated at 3.00pm. Bishop Brian McGee, Bishop of Argyll & the Isles, will be the Principal Celebrant & Homilist at the Mass. This year the Pilgrimage is in honour of St Joseph.



Bishop Toal extends a warm invitation to all those groups, societies, apostolates and clubs which operate within the diocese to attend, as well as all the priests and lay faithful.

## TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

A Traditional Latin Mass will be celebrated at Carfin Grotto on Saturday 11th September at 11.30am. Confessions will be heard and Rosary recited from 11.00am. All are welcome.



## KEYS FOR PARISH BUILDINGS

The only people who have keys for our parish properties are:

A. Stewart	B. Lynch	M. Martin
V. Dunn	P. Weir	K. Steele
C. Connachan	M. Higgins	E. Rooney
M. Kennedy	B. Cosgrove	S. Reilly

**If you have keys to any parish buildings and are not listed above please make sure that you get in contact with Fr. Wyllie as soon as possible. This is vitally important.**

## CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Many thanks for your support of the Second Collection for the Church Building Fund, which will help with essential repairs and maintenance of our parish buildings. The totals can be found below:

St Mary's:	15/08/21	£670.00
OLSJ:	22/08/21	£150.85
<b>Total:</b>	<b>29/08/21</b>	<b>£820.85</b>

## PRIMARY ONE BLESSING

As our new Primary One pupils settle into their new schools we ask the Lord to bless them as they begin their school life. There will be a special blessing of our Primary One pupils this month. Due to restrictions still in place in our schools this will be limited. Further information will be given by the schools. Please keep the Primary Ones in your prayers, especially on the date of their blessing

St John's - Monday 13th September 2.30pm  
St Mary's - Tuesday 14th September 2.30pm

## WEDDINGS

Those who have booked their wedding in our parish from now until April of next year should get in contact with Fr Wyllie now to complete the necessary paperwork. Those being married next summer can hold off until the new year.

## PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£781.00
Votive Candles:	£120.00
Building Fund (OLSJ):	£150.85
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£70.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£1,121.85</b>

**Many thanks for your very generous support**

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

As a parish we will begin the First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday 4th September after the 10.00am Mass. Please make a special effort to come along to our Saturday morning Mass that day to pray to Our Lady in reparation for the sins of humanity and for peace in our troubled world. Sadly, the 10.00am Mass on a Saturday morning can be poorly attended so it would be great to have a nice crowd of parishioners together for the Mass and the Devotions afterwards.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mass is celebrated each day between both churches. Over the past few years the numbers attending our weekday Masses has decreased. It would be a wonderful thing if those of you who are retired, unemployed, working shifts, on holiday or on a day off came along to our weekday Masses. Please give it some consideration.

The Monday 12noon Mass is an ideal time for those who may struggle to get organised in the morning, and the Wednesday 7.00pm Mass is primarily to give workers and students an opportunity to attend Mass during the week. Again, please give it some consideration. It would be lovely to have you there.

## MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

5.30pm - 87	10.00am - 104	12noon - 54
5.00pm - 28	<b>Total - 273</b>	

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SICK** - Buntly McDonald, Murray Brown, Alice Cumming, Alice Goodwin, Rory Quigley, Janet McIntosh, David Hillhouse, Annette Thomson, Liz Rees OCV, Kathleen Brannigan, Jerry Hillsinger, Mandy Murray McVie, Gerard Lyons, John Gowans, Kevin Feeney

**RIP** - Margaret McLean

**MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES** - Patrick & Ann Grant, Jim & Helen Grant, Jack Hastie, Thomas McDonagh, Elizabeth Sherry, Logan Ross

**Please remember to have your deceased loved ones prayed for on their anniversaries & months mind**



## LETTER SENT TO PARENTS/CARERS



At the beginning of the school term, Fr Wyllie sent out the following letter to the parents/carers of the pupils in our two primary schools. It is essential that we have our young people and families involved in the life of our parish. Many thanks to Mrs McCart & Mrs Colgan for working with Fr Wyllie to encourage our parents/carers to return to the celebration of Mass with their children. We have missed out on much contact with the parents/carers and young people of our parish over the past sixteen months but, God willing, we will be in a position to get things back on track this academic year.

Dear parent/carer,

What a quick summer that was! Although, I'm sure many of you will be breathing a sigh of relief that normality has resumed after the difficulties of the past year and a half, and that the young people are now settled into school.

I am writing to each of you as the relatively new Parish Priest of Our Lady of Fatima Parish (St Mary's Larkhall & Our Lady & St John's Blackwood). I arrived here just a few weeks before the first lockdown back in March last year and have very much missed out on getting to know you and the children as well as I normally would have.

It is a sad fact that there are very few of our young families attending Mass in our parish and I am extending an invitation to all of you to join us for the celebrations of Sunday Mass in our parish. At baptism you took a vow to bring up your child(ren) in the practice of the faith and I want, with the help of the parish community, to help you in fulfilling that vow. Our parish community is deprived when young families are few in number at the celebration of Mass and the other Sacraments, so please consider joining us for Mass. The times are available below.

A special invitation is extended to all those families with young people who are due to receive the Sacraments this year - First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Sacraments should not be stand alone events, they should be a culmination and marker in a life of faith already being lived out each week. Before you enrol your child(ren) for the Sacraments this year, I invite you to seriously consider coming back to Sunday Mass. We're used to children making noise, don't let that put you off.

Please know that you will always be very welcome to join with us at any of our Sunday Masses to worship the Lord as a community of faith, the same community of faith you chose to have your child(ren) baptised into. Please see this as an opportunity to come back to Mass and to give yourselves and your child(ren) that place in our parish community which is always there for you.

With my prayers and best wishes to all of you, Fr. Seán G. Wyllie

## MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE

A group of residents from Our Lady & St John's are raising funds for a local woman who has Motor Neurone Disease. They've got an epic challenge planned.... To swim the distance of the English Channel (in our local lochan at Coalburn) AND climb the height of Mount Everest (by hiking up Tinto).... In 48 hours this weekend. You can donate to the JustGiving page by visiting the website:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/scottalansmith?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=scottalansmith&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=f8cdbffa79474aed9da7aafc29548853](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/scottalansmith?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=scottalansmith&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=f8cdbffa79474aed9da7aafc29548853).